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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 20, 2015

DATE: September 30, 2015
TO: Board of County Commissioners and
Library Board of Trustees
FROM: Beate Weinert, Programs and Community Collaborations, Library
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THROUGH: Arnie Maurins, Library Director
SUBJECT: Approve the proclamation designating October 18-24, 2015 as Friends of
Libraries Week. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Staff requests that the Board of Commissioners approves the appended proclamation designating October 18-24, 2015 as Friends of Libraries Week.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Achieving Long-Term Financial Sustainability

PREVIOUS ACTION

None.

BACKGROUND

The Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations—also known as United for Libraries—sponsors National Friends of Libraries week every year during the third full week of October, as a way of promoting library Friends groups.

Friends of Washoe County Library (FWCL) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, incorporated in January 1981 and currently boasting over 750 members dedicated to advocating, fundraising and providing support for the Washoe County Library System. Its mission is to strengthen public libraries in Washoe County. Through its ventures, FWCL strives to give children an educational head start, encourage all forms of literacy and foster lifelong learning and recreation for adults. Over the past 34 years, the Friends of Washoe County Library, through its community projects and fundraising efforts, has raised close to \$3,000,000 for the Washoe County Library System. These supplemental

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funds directly support free library programs, enhance library technology and equipment, provide gift funds for library materials and augment marketing and training endeavors, benefiting the entire Truckee Meadows. The Friends operate the Secondhand Prose Bookstore within the Northwest Reno Library, and generate additional financial support from membership dues, monetary donations, and by managing voluminous book donations for book-sales which take place in their Reno Town Mall location.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the proclamation designating October 18-24, 2015 as Friends of Libraries Week.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board accept staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve the proclamation designating October 18-24, 2015 as Friends of Libraries Week."

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Friends of Washoe County Library raises monies that enable our libraries to move from good to great -- providing supplementary funds to enhance library resources and programming, much needed technology equipment, and services for all ages from the very young to the senior citizen; and

Whereas, the work of the Friends continually highlights the fact that our libraries are the cornerstone of the community, providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and to connect, gather and explore thoughts and ideas of others from past and present; and

Whereas, the Friends understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our libraries get the resources they need to provide a wide variety of services to all ages, including access to print and electronic materials, expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and children's services; and

Whereas, the Friends' gift of their time and commitment sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community; now, therefore be it

PROCLAIMED, By the Washoe County Board of Commissioners that October 18-24, 2015, is designated as "Friends of Libraries" week throughout Washoe County, Nevada, and urges everyone to join the Friends of Washoe County Library and thank them for all they do to make our libraries and community so much better.

ADOPTED this 20th day of October, 2015.

Marsha Berkbigler, Chair

ATTEST:

Washoe County Clerk